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In re Application of: Mukesh Dalal
Serial No.: 09/528,457
Filing Date: March 17, 2000
Group Art Unit: 3627
Examiner: Steven B. McAllister
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTI-PARTY
CONSTRAINED OPTIMIZATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RULE 116 AMENDMENT
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Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.

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